



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## **BRIDGE NAVIGATIONAL WATCH ALARM SYSTEM (BNWAS) ON COMMERCIAL YACHTS**

*Technical Notice SLS.22*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned that all yachts of 150 gross tonnage and upwards but less than 500 gross tonnage that are certified under the provisions of the Commercial Yacht Code, 2010 shall be fitted with a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS) in accordance with Regulation 19 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended by Resolution MSC.282(86).

### **Performance standards for the Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System.**

Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm Systems installed prior to 1 July 2011 should comply with the operational requirements laid down in Technical Notice SLS.19

Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm Systems installed on or after 1 July 2011 should be certified as compliant with the performance standards laid down in IMO's *Performance Standards for a Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)* adopted by Resolution MSC.128(75).

Full details of any deviation(s) from either of the above-mentioned operational requirements/standards shall be referred to the Administration for consideration.

### **Compliance by Commercial Yachts constructed before 1 July 2011**

Commercial yachts of 150 gross tonnage and over but less than 500 gross tonnage not later than the first survey on or after 1 July 2014

### **Compliance by Commercial Yachts constructed on or after 1 July 2011**

Commercial yachts of 150 gross tonnage and over but less than 500 gross tonnage at the first survey on or after 1 July 2013 but in any case by not later than 31 December 2013.

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